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quarantine board here for the week ended February 25 last, stated that there had been 22 cases of cholera in this city, of which 13 proved fatal. For the period, December 29 last to 26th instant, inclusive, there have been 130 cases of cholera in this city, of which 115 proved fatal. Under separate cover I send you all the official bulletins to date, believing that they will interest you.

All Egyptian ports (except this) and the surrounding villages have been free of epidemic disease since January 28 last, with the exception that on 16th instant a case of cholera, which proved fatal, was reported at Assiout (Upper Egypt) on a person arrived from this city. The disease is confined to natives and Europeans of the most humble classes, except in two cases, when both the patients recovered.

Trusting that this report will meet with your requirements, I am,

Respectfully, yours,

JAMES HEWAT,  
*United States Consular Agent.*

JAPAN.

*No new case of plague in Yokohama—Increase of plague in Canton and Hongkong.*

YOKOHAMA, April 18, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the case of plague which was brought here by the steamship *Gaelic*, and fully reported upon by me under date of April 9, failed to communicate the disease in a single instance, and, of course, all danger is now over so far as this importation of infection is concerned. No case of the malady has been found upon any ship arriving at the various ports of Japan from Hongkong, unless the case upon steamship *Chittagong*, also reported in my letter of the 9th, was really an exceptional and very slight example of the disease.

The plague is steadily increasing in Canton and Hongkong, despite the efforts of the sanitary authorities in the latter place. The official returns of the number attacked in Hongkong are far below the actual facts, on account of the concealment of cases, and, even more, because a large proportion of the sufferers, on the first indications of the disease, repair to Canton, or other points under Chinese jurisdiction. I fear that the epidemic will not be checked until the advent of dry, hot weather in midsummer.

One fatal case of cholera is reported in Tokyo, April 17.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Inspection of vessels at Yokohama.*

YOKOHAMA, April 18, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, since my last return, of date March 15, I have inspected vessels as follows, all being free from suspicion of infection with the exception of the steamships *Gaelic* and *Chittagong*, on which I have specially reported to you under date of April 9: March 20, ship *Charmer*, bound for New York via ports; March 23, steamship *Strathleven*, bound for Tacoma, and steamship *Rio de Janeiro*, bound for San Francisco; March 30, schooner *St. Lawrence*, bound for